

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 24, 2007 at 8:01 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Mark Bruno, OBPP
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 7, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:19 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on
HB 7, Reclamation and development grants.

PRESENTATION ON RECLAMATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RDGP):

00:02:02 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a02\)](#)

00:05:44 Greg Mills, RDGP

00:08:40 Ms. Duncan

PRESENTATION ON FORT BELKNAP TRIBE:

00:09:56 Dean Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Tribe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:15 Sen. Barkus

00:27:37 Mr. Stiffarm

**PRESENTATION ON Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)-
SWIFT GULCH/LANDUSKY MINE:**

00:28:57 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:16 Wayne Jepson, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:30 Sen. Barkus

00:52:13 Mr. Jepson

00:53:50 Sen. Barkus

00:53:54 Mr. Jepson

00:54:16 Rep. Kasten

00:54:29 Mr. Jepson

00:55:37 Rep. Kasten

00:55:53 Mr. Jepson

00:56:44 Rep. Kasten

00:57:02 Mr. Jepson

Further Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:49 Julia Doney, Fort Belknap Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a04\)](#)

01:06:16 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman, HD 42, Lodge Grass

01:06:47 Julie King, Fort Belknap Tribe

01:08:05 Reno Charett, Governor's Office

01:08:30 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Center

01:08:51 Tracy King, Fort Belknap Council

01:11:30 Catherine Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Tribe

01:15:54 Mr. Jepson

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

**JOINT PRESENTATION ON MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS-NORTHERN
DISTRICT ORPHAN WELL, SOUTHER DISTRICT ORPHAN WELL, AND
TANK BATTERY CLEANUP:**

01:17:43 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:31 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas

01:19:13 Mr. Mills

01:19:45 Mr. Richmond

01:23:18 Steven Sasagi, Montana Board of Oil and Gas

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:23 Sen. Cooney

01:30:48 Mr. Sasagi

01:31:23 Sen. Cooney

01:31:31 Mr. Sasagi

01:32:24 Sen. Cooney

01:32:32 Mr. Sasagi

01:33:34 Sen. Barkus

01:33:52 Mr. Sasagi

01:34:18 Rep. Kasten

01:34:51 Mr. Richmond

PRESENTATION ON BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

01:35:57 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:35 Gloria Menke, Big Horn Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a06\)](#)
01:43:46 John Wheaton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
01:44:26 Ms. Menke
01:45:11 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts
01:46:25 Mr. Wheaton
01:47:45 Rep. Small-Eastman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:38 Rep. Kasten
01:49:47 Ms. Menke
01:49:57 Rep. Kasten
01:50:03 Ms. Menke
01:50:38 Mr. Wheaton

PRESENTATION ON DEQ-BALD BUTTE MINE:

01:51:42 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

01:52:20 Sandi Olsen, DEQ
01:55:52 Ben Quinones, DEQ
[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:02:21 Rep. Kasten
02:02:24 Mr. Quinones
02:02:42 Rep. Kasten
02:02:52 Mr. Quinones
02:03:20 Rep. Kasten
02:03:25 Mr. Quinones
02:03:54 Sen. Barkus
02:04:07 Mr. Quinones

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:40 Sen. Dave Lewis, SD 42, Helena

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON DEQ-BELT ACID MINE:

02:05:46 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:12 Bill Botsford, DEQ
[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:54 Rep. Kasten
02:16:00 Mr. Botsford
02:16:17 Rep. Kasten
02:16:36 Mr. Botsford
02:17:32 Sen. Barkus
02:17:46 Mr. Botsford
02:18:43 Sen. Barkus
02:19:00 Mr. Botsford

02:20:18 Break
02:32:30 Reconvene

PRESENTATION ON DEQ-SNOWSHOE MINE:

02:32:37 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:12 Autumn Coleman, DEQ
[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:40:32 Rep. Kasten
02:40:51 Ms. Coleman
02:41:40 Rep. Kasten
02:41:52 Ms. Coleman
02:42:02 Vic Anderson, DEQ

PRESENTATION ON BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

02:43:07 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

02:43:59 Ron Spoon, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a10\)](#)

02:46:56 Ms. Carlson

02:47:28 Bob Hoppe, Broadwater Conservation District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON POWELL COUNTY:

02:48:24 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

02:49:11 Ron Hanson, Powell County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a12\)](#)

02:52:59 Rep. Cynthia Hiner, HD 85, Deer Lodge

02:53:13 Ms. Olsen

02:53:46 Sen. Lewis

02:54:56 Dwight O'Hara, Powell County Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:55:51 Sen. Barkus

02:56:11 Mr. Mills

02:56:34 Mr. Hanson

02:57:10 Sen. Barkus

02:57:24 Mr. Mills

PRESENTATION ON DNRC- RELIANCE REFINERY:

02:58:03 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

02:58:56 Monte Mason, DNRC Trust Land Management Division

[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a13\)](#)

03:08:01 Ms. Olsen

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:08:54 Rep. Kasten
03:09:02 Mr. Mason
03:09:17 Rep. Kasten
03:09:33 Mr. Mason
03:10:21 Rep. Kasten
03:10:38 Mr. Mason
03:11:12 Rep. Kasten
03:11:53 Mr. Mason
03:12:41 Sen. Barkus
03:13:12 Ms. Olsen
03:15:15 Sen. Barkus
03:15:30 Ms. Olsen
03:15:55 Sen. Barkus
03:16:35 Mr. Mason

PRESENTATION ON GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT:

03:18:19 Mr. Mills

Proponents' Testimony:

03:19:08 Alan English, Gallatin County Water Quality District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh16a14\)](#)
03:26:26 Kate Miller, DEQ
03:30:18 Ms. Carlson
03:30:55 Gary Icopini, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
03:31:39 Tim Ravndal, fisherman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:32:28 Rep. Kasten
03:33:13 Mr. English
03:34:21 Rep. Kasten
03:34:30 Sen. Barkus
03:34:47 Ms. Kate Miller
03:35:05 Sen. Barkus
03:35:12 Ms. Kate Miller
03:35:48 Sen. Barkus
03:35:57 Ms. Kate Miller
03:36:38 Sen. Barkus
03:36:55 Ms. Kate Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

03:37:38 Rep. Kasten

DISCUSSION ON RRGL AND RDGP ISSUES:

03:38:02 Ms. Duncan

EXHIBIT(jlh16a15)

03:40:07 Mr. Bruno

03:40:35 Ms. Duncan

03:41:11 Rep. Kasten

03:41:26 Ms. Duncan

03:44:25 Rep. Kasten

03:44:33 Ms. Duncan

03:45:54 Rep. Kasten

03:46:05 Ms. Duncan

03:46:17 Mr. Bruno

EXHIBIT(jlh16a16)

03:48:55 Ms. Duncan

03:50:16 Rep. Kasten

03:50:52 Ms. Duncan

03:51:21 Rep. Callahan

03:51:40 Ms. Duncan

03:51:45 Rep. Callahan

03:51:53 Mr. Bruno

03:52:16 Ms. Duncan

03:52:54 Rep. Kasten

03:52:59 Ms. Duncan

EXHIBIT(jlh16a17)

04:01:37 Rep. Kasten

04:01:40 Ms. Duncan

04:04:51 Sen. Barkus

04:05:02 Ms. Duncan

04:05:23 Rep. Kasten

04:05:34 Mr. Bruno

04:05:44 Rep. Kasten

04:05:56 Rep. Callahan

04:06:31 Rep. Kasten

04:06:34 Rep. Callahan

04:06:41 Rep. Kasten

04:07:09 Rep. Callahan

04:07:27 Rep. Kasten

04:07:57 Rep. Hollenbaugh

04:08:17 Ms. Duncan

04:08:43 Rep. Hollenbaugh

04:08:52 Ms. Duncan

04:09:05 Ms. Bruno

04:09:16 Mr. Beck

04:09:24 Rep. Kasten

04:09:31 Ms. Duncan

04:09:53 Rep. Callahan

04:10:11 Ms. Duncan

04:10:27 Rep. Kasten

04:11:08 Sen. Brueggeman
04:12:20 Rep. Kasten
04:12:53 Ms. Duncan
04:13:42 Sen. Brueggeman
04:14:15 Rep. Kasten

Additional Ex.:

This document relates to all projects within HB 5.

EXHIBIT(jlh16a18)

ADJOURNMENT

04:14:22 Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jlh16aad.pdf](#))